

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-49 (cancelled)

Claim 50 (new): A preblend for the manufacture of lactase tablets comprising:  
from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units;  
and from about 40 to about 80 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose.

Claim 51 (new): The preblend of claim 50 which additionally contains a lubricant.

Claim 52 (new): The preblend of claim 51 in which the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

Claim 53 (new): The preblend of claim 52 in which the magnesium stearate is provided at  
a level of from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent.

Claim 54 (new): The preblend of claim 53 in which the magnesium stearate is provided at  
a level of from about 0.5 to about 4 weight percent.

Claim 55 (new): A tablet formed from the preblend of claim 50.

Claim 56 (new): A tablet formed from the preblend of claim 51.

Claim 57 (new): A tablet formed from the preblend of claim 52.

Claim 58 (new): A tablet formed from the preblend of claim 53.

Claim 59 (new): A tablet formed from the preblend of claim 54.